



Circular No.11/2025-26

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SAFETY ALERT FOR CHILDREN USING PRIVATE VANS

Dear Parents,

We are writing to bring to your attention two recent incidents that have raised serious concerns about the safety and well-being of our students commuting in private vans.

There has been a case of physical abuse inflicted by a private van driver on a young child of some other school. This incident has raised serious concerns about students' safety, and we are deeply troubled by its implications. The well-being of our students is our top priority, and we urge parents to take necessary precautions so that such incidents are avoided.

In another incident that happened on April 22, 2025 in our school, a private van was confiscated by the school authorities as the driver was found driving on the wrong side of the road during morning hours. Upon further investigation, it was revealed that the driver was underage and did not possess a valid driving license. Moreover, the van did not have the necessary papers and documents as mandated by the government.

Despite previous circulars and advisories, the above mentioned incidents highlight the risks associated with private vans and the importance of ensuring compliance with safety regulations. We urge parents to take immediate action to verify the credentials and compliance of the private vans hired by them and ensure the following:

- ❖ Parents must talk to their wards that the children MUST remain highly alert while travelling in the Vans for any kind of foul burning smell as the Private Vans have CNG Cylinders fitted in them. They should immediately raise an alarm and EVACUATE THE VAN and move away from it.
- ❖ Private Vans, usually transport more students than their capacity, resulting in overcrowding and thereby endangering the life of innocent children. Students must be encouraged to report the same to their teachers in school or parents at home.
- ❖ Some Private Vans do not have any speed governors and indulge in rash driving, hence violate traffic signals and rules.
- ❖ Children are often made to sit in the boot, next to highly inflammable CNG cylinders. This situation can take grave proportions, putting the students' life at risk.
- ❖ Parents are to ensure that the Vans ferrying their wards have proper fitness and registration papers. The antecedents of the driver must be known to the parents.
- ❖ **It is desired by the school that parents travel in the vans on rotation basis to ensure that the above mentioned points are followed religiously by the Private Van operators.**

We sincerely urge that parents to use school transport as the means of travel for their wards. We are committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all our students, and we request your cooperation in this matter.

It may be noted by the parents that all School Buses are equipped with CCTV Cameras and are GPS enabled to ensure utmost safety of our students using School Transportation.

Parents are requested to collaborate with the school and ensure adherence to the abovementioned safety guidelines.

Let's join hands to prioritize our children's safety and nurture their growth, empowering them to learn and grow in a safe and secure environment.

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